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Dennis Berkey became the fifteenth president of Worcester Polytechnic Institute on July 1, 2004. Prior to that he had served as Provost and Dean of Arts and Sciences at Boston University where he had joined the faculty in 1974. His undergraduate and graduate degrees are in mathematics (B.A., Muskingum College; Ph.D., University of Cincinnati) and his published research is in applied mathematics and optimal control theory. He is an accomplished teacher, having won Boston University's highest teaching award, and is the author of two calculus textbooks.

Berkey's extensive experience in university administration has included both the development of science and engineering programs and initiatives in general education. He is a member of the Mathematical Association of America, the American Mathematical Society, and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics. He has served as a Trustee of Muskingum College, the Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology, the Huntington Theatre (Boston), and U. Mass. Memorial Health Care, Inc.